





# Music, music, music

## Lessons learned to music help students to retain knowledge

Andrea King  
Staff Writer

Classic songs like *Oh My Darling* and holiday tunes such as *Jingle Bells* are helping some fourth grade students at Rawsonville Elementary School remember lessons learned.

Teacher Cathy Green, along with the help of Fred Moss, music instructor at Schoolcraft College, incorporate music to facilitate classroom learning.

"We know there's a terrific connection between music and memory; people hold on to those things forever," said Moss, who

teaches music for elementary school education majors.

Groups of elementary and college students take material dealing with science, language arts, social studies and math that the fourth graders learn during the year and put it to a melody. Green said the project brings together the two styles of learning—visual and auditory.

"Children are given the opportunity to work in small groups with interested adults, be creative, share their newly learned knowledge and turn it into a song, further embedding the information in their brain," she

said. "In addition, the children are also using their writing, presentation, team/group, communication and music skills, along with creative energies. The list goes on."

One group, who named themselves The Science Girls, wrote a song about matter to the tune of 'Deck the Halls':

*"Today we're going to learn about matter, fa la la la la, la la la la."*

*When it has a definite shape and volume, fa la la la la, la la la la."*

*That is what we call a solid, fa la la la la, la la la la."*

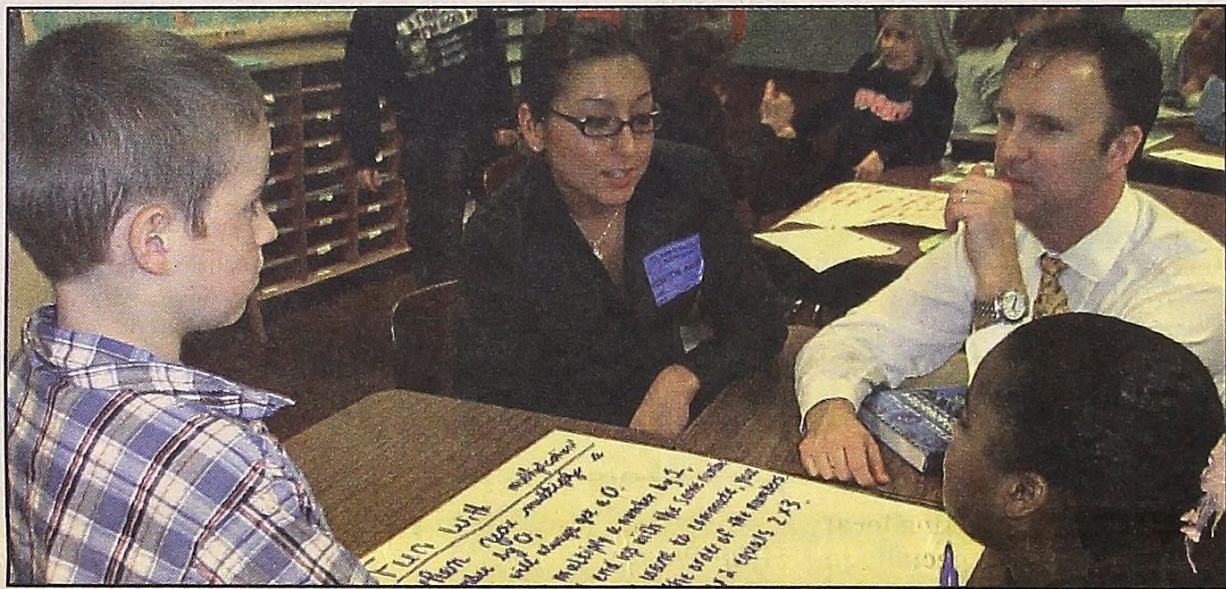
*Liquid only has definite volume, fa la la la la, la la la la."*

Ashley Moss, a second year student at Schoolcraft, said they used the vocabulary words—liquid and solid—and picked a song everybody knew.

"I think it turned out really

good," said fourth grade student Halie Samonek, who was a part of the science girls group.

Green and Moss, who have been collaborating for about four years, said it's the perfect marriage of students helping stu-



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### Good cause

Students at Wick and Cory elementary schools helped families in need of new clothing this year for the Romulus Helping Hand Center. The center is involved in several charitable activities with the school, including a food drive, for the holiday season. Students (first row) Mickayla Lytle, Ashleigh Bennett, Atae'ja Crawford take a break from their efforts with social worker Sandy MacDonald, Andrew Wells-Wilkins, Donna Walton and Mae Lytle.

## Jobless - Locals can do little to create new jobs

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Councilman Harry Crout said he's not surprised that the numbers reflect a better situation for the city, and he added that the city is doing everything it can to preserve jobs in a difficult environment. But Crout said the numbers don't really tell the tale.

"We have a lot of GM employees here, and I know a lot of people that are personally struggling with unemployment," he said. "I don't think we're getting the full effect that unemployment has on the city."

Development - and Romulus has had quite a bit of it - is one factor in creating new jobs, but that can be a moving target for cities. Though building projects may translate into a better scenario for increasing the city property tax base, they often don't yield as many jobs as the city would like.

Home development - which has progressed in the city - is

usually undertaken by large companies, which bring with them their own group of subcontractors to complete projects.

Crout said some Romulus companies have been able to sign deals with developers, but that cities cannot require developers to work with local companies. But a little reminder wouldn't hurt.

"I think we should ask them to consider our businesses," he said.

Romulus does have one thing going for it that other municipalities don't: The prospect of a "racino," which is expected to create about 3,000 permanent jobs for people seeking work in the gaming industry.

The construction of those facilities will also be subject to a bidding process, and that could mean a bonanza of work for local contractors and service providers similar to the one that occurred in Detroit after three casinos were constructed there.

The loss of manufacturing jobs statewide - with few other jobs to replace them - has been the biggest factor affecting local municipalities, especially in Wayne County, where the unemployment rate reached 8.2 percent in October.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano recently returned from China, where he spoke with several firms there who have expressed interest in opening up shop in Michigan, and he said recently that he believes companies looking for a smaller facility could set up shop locally.

Also, the land bank database created by the Michigan Department of Economic Growth could be a valuable asset in terms of assisting developers and businesses in tapping into community data and information about vacant land to make site shopping easier.

Only communities with population levels exceeding 30,000 residents are included in the study.

## Wells - State looking for answers from missing company

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enthusiastic about the project but had no legal reason to deny the permit.

He would be more comfortable knowing what is happening with the ownership.

"The bottom line is that they cannot operate until they have the problems they were cited for are resolved," McCann said. "But we have to be able to hold accountable someone for what goes on there. We have to guarantee that the facility is operating in the way it should - we've already had some leaks there. Right now, we can't guarantee the residents of Romulus that they're operating the way they should."

There have been problems at the site, which culminated in the closure of the wells at the end of October. More recently, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency fined the company for failing to properly monitor the site.

The EDS permit allows up to 460,000 gallons of liquid waste to be stored in the wells. About 200,000 gallons will remain in the site. McCann said if the waste continues to sit at the site unaddressed, a clean-up fund set up by EDS in accordance with state law could be accessed to pay to drain the fluids and clean the site.

"We'll know more on Dec. 14, hopefully," he said.

The Detroit Police and Fire Pension Fund has invested mil-

lions of dollars in the facility, and provided a loan for EDS to continue operations. Councilman John Barden said the fact that the facility is financial straits means that it is not needed in Romulus.

"They are losing money; it's been a losing proposition for everyone," he said.

"I hate to say I told you so. Right now we need to make sure that nothing is happening at the site that is a hazard - there's people that live there, there's water around there. It's a priority to find out who is now responsible for it."

McCann said the MDEQ is keeping a close eye on the facility, and will continue regularly scheduled water and soil inspections.

## Boosters seek funds for band uniforms

The Romulus High School Band Boosters are hoping the sale of arts and crafts on Saturday will help them generate the rest of the money they need to replace the 14-year-old band uniforms.

The sale, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Romulus High School cafeteria, is one of many fundraisers the 12-parent group has organized in their efforts to purchase new equipment year-round for the Marching Eagles.

"We've raised about \$6,000 in the last three years," said Christina Lefler, the president of the boosters.

"We've been piecing together parts of uniforms to make one good one, and it is difficult work," she added. "It's not as easy as it seems."

The boosters group started four years ago to buy equipment for the band that could not be paid for using funds from the Romulus Community Schools budget. The group in the past has purchased a percussion table for the band, but took on the cause

for new uniforms last year.

Outfitting the entire band will cost about \$30,000, and the district was able to pay half of that to help the musicians, Lefler said.

"We've raised some of it, but we're still hoping to raise more," she said.

Band programs - and other discretionary arts classes - are most vulnerable when district finances are reduced, and Lefler said she's happy the district has helped out as much as they have.

Homemade treats, crafts, wreath, holiday items, Tupperware and other items will be on sale Dec. 9. The Booster Café will also be open to serve refreshments.

Romulus High School is located at 9650 South Wayne Road.

The Band Boosters also accept cash donations. To donate to the band uniform fund, send checks payable to the Romulus Band Boosters, co/ Romulus High School, 9650 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Mich. 48174.

For more information about the boosters or upcoming events, call Lefler at (734) 955-1662.

## Election - City turnout was high

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more technology used today, and clerk's offices are working overtime to make sure they and their staff members can adequately adapt to the emerging technology.

"We have to report our numbers to Wayne County as soon as we count the votes - that's always been a requirement - but now we have modems set up, so we can send the results that way," she said. "Someone from the county's IT department had to come to every municipality to make sure the cards (used in individual voting machines) worked properly."

Choate said everything went smoothly with the equipment.

"We had no problems this time," she said. "There were a few glitches in August, but those were worked out."

The agreement with the federal government means the state would pay for repairs and upkeep related to the new equipment. The city will have to find the funds to maintain voting machines and computer programs for the 2007-08 fiscal year, Choate said.

Costs for elections are necessary, but municipalities have balked at those expenditures as they relate to low voter turnout. However - with turnout at about 50 percent of the 16,000 registered voters in the city - numbers at the polls were better than expected.

"This was really more like a presidential year," she said.

Statewide, elections are in May, August and November. Municipalities can still schedule special election for local ballot initiatives or candidates, but the cost is often prohibitive.



### Keeping pace

Teachers are responsible for keeping learning activities for students up to date, but they also need to update skills from time to time. Romulus teachers recently listened to 22 in-service lectures about achievement gaps, integrating technology into lessons and diversifying instruction last week. Teachers Geryln Kliebe and Molly Parent (top row) joined (bottom row) Tom Gibb-Randall, Jennifer Richard, Tavia Redmond, Dawn Sims and Karenza Fitch at the lectures.



# OPINION

## Better late than never

Officials in Westland learned recently something they believed all along.

There was little to no danger of lead poisoning in areas of Central City Park. Recent test results showed levels of lead within the normal range, according to Westland officials.

The issue came up last month, when concerns forced them to abruptly close the park. Tests conducted earlier in the year—and perhaps even earlier than that—had turned up high lead levels at the park, a swath of land owned by Wayne County and leased to the city. It had been a dumpsite at one time.

Westland officials acted quickly, once the barriers went up and word spread. They requested additional tests, hosted town hall meetings and provided tests for those who were concerned they may have been exposed to lead levels.

All of those were good things.

It's unclear to us, though, why the city should have to pay for the additional testing. The city budget is strapped enough as it is without having to chip in to pay for something that by all accounts wasn't their fault.

As Westland Mayor Sandra Cicirelli said, it's important to ease the minds of the residents and visitors to the park and to find out, once and for all, if there is any danger for park users.

It's also important for the county to take responsibility.

## A shot across the bow?

Weeks after they approved an agreement to continue dispatch and lockup services with Plymouth Township, the Plymouth City Commission unanimously approved a resolution to explore regional fire alternatives.

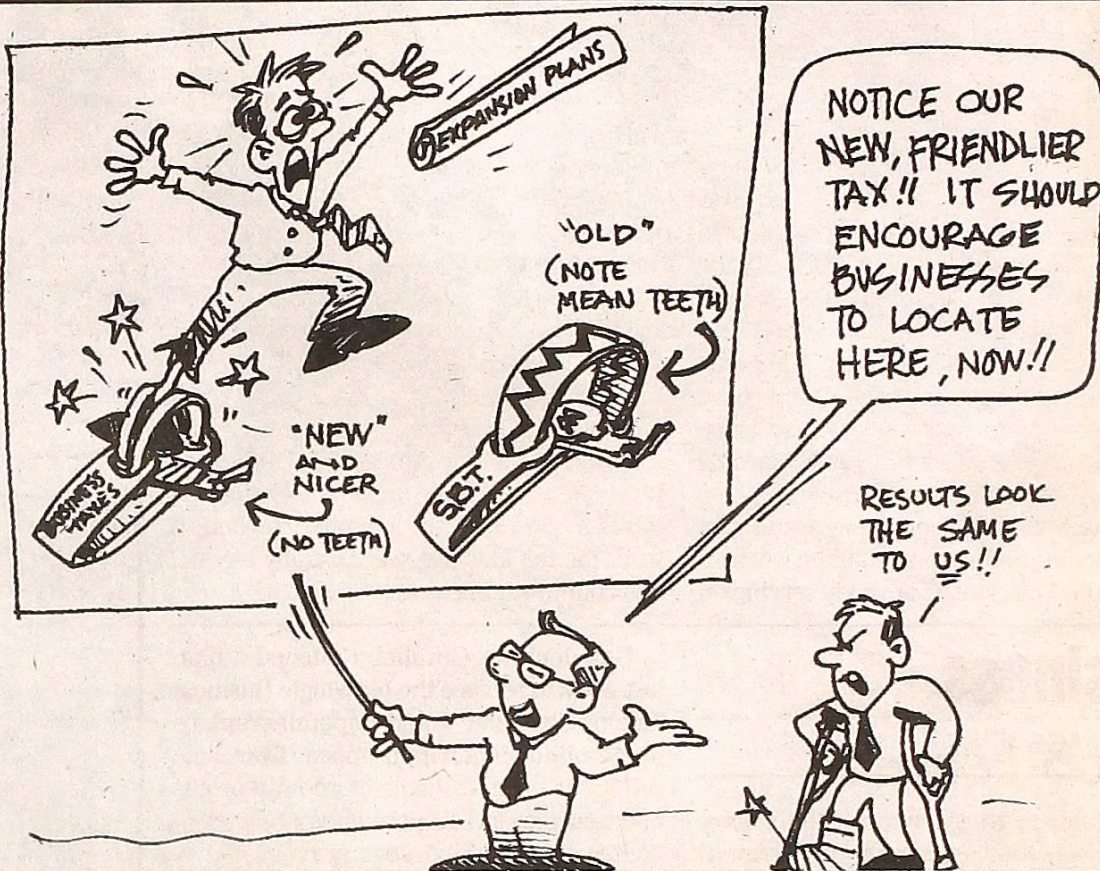
The timing may be a little strange, but it's still a good idea. By all accounts, we may be heading to a place—as a state—where localized fire departments are simply not fiscally practical. The industry appears headed in that direction, too, with the proliferation of automatic mutual aid pacts in which several departments are ready to respond to incidents in neighboring communities unless they are called off.

As officials in Northville and Plymouth have pointed out—publicly and privately—the obstacles facing such a momentous change are probably more political than practical. There is a huge sense of identity tied into public safety departments, a sense of community pride. There are plenty of employees—including upper echelon management types—who may worry about their own security if such a thing ever comes to fruition. Politicians face the implications that they may be giving away that sense of identity or turning their backs on people who have long served their respective communities, too.

In the case of Plymouth, it makes even more sense. The city administration and commission have done an amazing job in keeping costs down while increasing budget reserves in the face of declining revenue. They may have had help in the fact that Plymouth itself, while being a land-locked community, still isn't built out. It's constantly evolving, bringing in new development and increased residential investment. Eventually, though, the costs will catch up.

The resolution to seek regional fire improvements may be nothing more than a warning flare to their neighbors in Plymouth Township. The two municipalities recently renewed an agreement to continue dispatch services, but those negotiations probably took longer than they should have and they were filled, at times, with acrimony.

Investigating ways to provide services at lower costs to residents is the very essence of good government. City officials should be commended for taking the first step in this long, potentially contentious endeavor. We would salute anyone with the political will to follow in their footsteps, too, and question why anyone else wouldn't.



## Time to count your blessings

Once again I have to tip my hat to the Northville School Board.

Their meeting last week had the potential to get ugly. Dozens of teachers dressed in their blue Northville Education Association shirts, along with several parents, attended the meeting at Meads Mill Middle School to protest the lack of a teachers' contract.

The contract expired in August, but teachers have been working under two extensions since then. The sticking points—as they usually are—include pay scales and benefits from health care to sick days and vacation days.

The parents got up and said their piece, talking about how teachers deserve respect and support; they're invaluable because there are essentially in charge of educating the future. They put in more time than they should, pay for more things from their own pocket than they should; they care more than they should, given the fact that the school district hasn't settled the contract yet.

Each point was met with thunderous applause from virtually everyone in the room, thunderous because the way the acoustics were set up, it felt like each clapping of the hands landed physically on my ears.

The school board members as a whole just smiled. They nodded their heads and shrugged off the veiled implication that they didn't care as much as the par-

ents and teachers because of these outstanding contract issues.

This has to be the most difficult part of serving on the board: to face these kinds of displays and insinuations when—in my opinion—exactly the opposite is true. People don't run for school board because they don't like teachers or they don't want the children who live in the district to get the best education they can. They campaign and serve because they want to support the district, help the teachers, staff and students alike.

They just have to do it responsibly.

Maybe I'm the wrong guy to complain about these kinds of displays, given the struggles of the newspaper industry of late. But I see those struggles going on everywhere: people are worried about their jobs at a time when the unemployment rate is higher in Michigan than just about everywhere else. People are worried about keeping their homes in communities that see ever-increasing foreclosure rates. And everybody, no matter what industry they're in, has to make concessions on the cost of health care. It's crippling the economy.

I'm as pro teacher as the next guy, maybe even more so. I've never met one I didn't like. There are some things, though, that teachers' unions should take into account as they're seeking new contracts. In

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## Making a bad situation worse

I finished all of my Christmas shopping last weekend, and as I tried to find gifts for people that seem to have everything, my mind wandered to the Michigan economy.

Thoughts about the state of the state were especially prevalent when I stood in a 10-person deep line at JCPenney at Westland Mall. You see, I purchased items from the bed and bath department, and I ended up in the little boy's department to pay my wares.

We're headlong into the Christmas shopping rush, and guess how many people were working at the cash register?

One.

And I experienced this over and over again at other stores.

Retailers—who are once again expecting dismal profits in Michigan—have not have hired many Christmas employees, but as I made a mental note of what I had in my hands, and what was held by other peeved shoppers in the line, it was clear to me that the cost of those items well-exceeded the amount they paid that worker for the week, let alone on shift.

Headlines at this paper and others are screaming about the economy, but I think there's a fundamental

question we need to ask ourselves about business. Is the state of business as bad as it seems?

Sure, health care and pension costs have skyrocketed, and in the rust belt states, people aren't doing as much shopping. But has anyone bothered to consider whether businesses are working with fewer people than they can afford simply because they can?

Are they counting on us to stand in that line because things are so bad for them? Do they realize that by over-working a few people and not hiring the number of people really needed to do the job, they're perpetuating a sluggish economy?

It's human nature to want a lot for a little, that's for sure.

I always felt bad for the people behind the counter, and for a long time, while I was attending college, I was one of them. The pay is low, the benefits are negligible, and there's not too much flexibility. They are, however, a lifeline for the people who work them.

We're posed to get more of these jobs. When I talk

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Teachers

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take into account as they're seeking new contracts. In Northville, voters turned down two bond proposals last year. They did the same thing in Plymouth-Canton. Statewide, voters overwhelmingly turned down a proposal to tie increase in educational funding to the rate of inflation. School officials have received word from Lansing that they'll face executive order cuts next February, the only question seems to be how much.

Most school board members would give their teaching and support staff the world, if they could. There's isn't anybody serving on

any school board anywhere who wouldn't echo those impassioned pleas of support or do everything they can to provide for the best possible future for every child that picks up a book and heads to class.

The reality is, though, that it's simply not practical. There's only so much funding to go around and that's not going to change anytime soon.

The economy will improve, eventually. When that happens, everyone will certainly breathe a sigh of relief and begin to recoup what they've got coming to them. It's a natural cycle. In the meantime, though, it would be a good thing to remember that the job is a good one, the people are good to work for, the kids are, well, usually terrific, and count your blessings.

Business

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We're posed to get more of these jobs. When I talk with economic development folks at the state and local level, they want more retail, and are also going for high-tech jobs as well. We're moving toward a service-oriented society, they say.

But how many jobs would that be, and what is the quality of those jobs?

If the retailers are using a bad economy to pry more work out of people who are deeply afraid of the unemployment line, what is that setting us up for?

Gov. Jennifer Granholm pitched a plan last week to replace the old Single Business Tax, or SBT, that would hopefully replace the \$2 billion that will disappear from state coffers. It includes taxing corporate profits and insurers, among other things.

Reaction to this plan is mixed.

The SBT was eliminated by a vote of the people last year. It was pitched to us as something that may stimulate hiring.

But if the law that governed the retailers this holiday season is replicated throughout the state in every sector, eliminating the SBT will have been a giveaway, and one that has to be paid for down the line.

Who do you think is going to pay that bill?

Museum calendars now on sale

The Belleville Area Museum now has the 2007 historical calendars on sale.

The calendar features a full-page local historic photograph for each month of the year. Included are the former Sinclair gas station at Third and Main streets in 1957, the Quirk School faculty from 1969-1970 and the Sumpter Welt Grocery store in the 1940s.

The cost is \$6. Calendars are also available for historical society members for \$5. Calendars can be purchased during the regular museum hours from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday. The calendars are also available in several area businesses and can be purchased through the mail.

To place an order or for more information, contact the museum at (734) 697-1944.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD NOVEMBER 13, 2006,  
THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER  
11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman William Wadsworth.  
**Present:** John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Crout, William Crova, William Wadsworth.  
**Excused:** Randolph Gear  
**Officials in Attendance:**  
Alan R. Lambert, Mayor  
Pamela Morrison/Kersy, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-383

2. Motion by Barden, supported by Crova to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 6, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Abstain - Burcroff.  
Motion Carried.

3. No Petitioners (Cancelled).

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-384

5A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to adopt a resolution congratulating the Romulus Flyers Football Team as winners of the Peanut Bowl.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-385

5A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to introduce Budget Amendment 06/07-15:

| ACCOUNT NO.        | ACCOUNT NAME               | BUDGET  | AMENDMENT | BUDGET  |
|--------------------|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| General Fund       |                            |         |           |         |
| Revenue            |                            |         |           |         |
| 101-0000410.65-10  | Fines & Forfeits           | 600,000 | 109,569   | 709,569 |
| Revenue            |                            |         |           |         |
| 101-0000-410.58-80 | Local Cont.MetroWorld Ctr. | 109,569 | (109,569) | 0       |

To reflect cessation of revenue from Metro World Agreement paid off in prior fiscal year and reflect increase in fines & Forfeits revenues first half of the current fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-386

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendment 06-07-14, introduced at the meeting of November 6, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-387

6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to schedule an Advisory Appointment Committee Meeting November 27, at 7:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of Board of Review Re-Appointments.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-388

11A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to authorize City Treasurer to disburse funds as listed in Warrant 06-21 in the grand total amount of One Million, Two Hundred Seventy Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy Two Dollars and Ninety Four Cent (\$1,272,772.94).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Abstain - Crova.  
Motion Carried.

06-389

11B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Barden to authorize City Treasurer to disburse funds of Warrant 06-21E in grand total amount of Twelve Thousand, One Hundred Fifteen Dollars and Zero Cents (\$12,115.00).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

11. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.  
Nays - None.  
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Eva W. Webb, Deputy Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Eva Webb, Deputy Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 13, 2006.

Eva W. Webb, Deputy Clerk  
City of Romulus, Michigan

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# THE SCENE

## Local dancers and orchestra to present The Nutcracker

It's a family affair at the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Co., where spouses Beck and Dawn Greene have been conducting rehearsals since September for Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*.

Each year, the company unites with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at the Salem High School Auditorium to perform the show much beloved by adults and children.

"People come back every year, and we have new people coming every year," said Beck Greene, executive director of the ballet company.

It's a treat for the younger dancers, who get to leave their studios to rehearse and perform in a

Clara, who comes under the magic spell of her Godfather, Herr Drosselmeyer. Her adventure takes her through several fantastic settings as she meets the Snow Queen and has an encounter with the

Sugar Plum Fairy.

The company has brought in two special guests this year: Erik J. Sangborn and Laura Goodman, from the Twin Cities Metropolitan Ballet in Minnesota.

They'll join 50 local dancers, whose ages range from 8 years old to adults. Along with the orchestra they will perform what Greene said is one of the best renditions of the classic ballet in the area.

"The level of technique is very high for what we do," said Greene.

The show is also accessible because the melodies have been heard so much and are familiar even to those who don't listen to classical music.

It may sound slightly different at the ballet, though.

"A lot of the music you hear in the stores is played very fast, and people are used to that," said Greene. "It's real important that we maintain the tradition."

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Co. and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra will perform "The Nutcracker" at 11 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. this Saturday, and at 2 p.m. this Sunday. Tickets were selling out quickly for the Sunday matinee, said Greene.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and teens, \$10 for children 12 and younger. Tickets can be ordered by phone at (734) 451-2112 or online at [www.plymouthcantonballet.org](http://www.plymouthcantonballet.org). More information is also available at [www.plymouthsymphony.org](http://www.plymouthsymphony.org).

By  
Kevin Hill  
Staff Writer





# College hosts noted author

As part of World AIDS day, the Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD) western campus will host Author J.L. King from 5-7 p.m. tomorrow, Dec. 8 in Belleville.

King, the New York Times best-selling author of *On the Down Low* and *Essence* best-seller of *Coming Up from the Down Low*, will discuss the issue of HIV and AIDS in the community and how people can take action.

His books deal with men leading heterosexual lives while secretly maintaining homosexual relationships. He explains his own life, answers common questions and provides in-depth information about the lives of men on the 'down low.' Although King is HIV negative, he has led a lifestyle that exposed him to the disease.

"We hope people will hear the message of responsibility he has to spread," said Bonike Odegami, executive vice president of the campus.

King has been cited in more than 100 national publications including *Jet*, *Newsweek*, *Time*, *Sister to Sister Magazine*, *Ebony* and *People*. He has also been featured on the *Oprah Winfrey Show*, PBS, BET, CNN, the *Discovery Network* and more than 80 national news shows, as well as more than 1,000 websites.

King has consulted with several national health and education organizations and lectured at numerous universities and colleges throughout the country, including more than 150 state and national conferences.

The World Health Organization established World Aids Day in 1988 to focus attention on the HIV/AIDS epidemic. This year marks the pandemic's 25th year.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the school at (734) 699-7008.

# Forensic photography class returns

Life may be imitating art or at least television at the Belleville campus of Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD).

A new forensic photography program at the western campus proved so popular, it will be offered again in January, officials said.

The forensic photography program will focus on the technical skills to preserve evidence crime scenes from a technical and legal standpoint through photography, according to school officials.

Campus President Patrick McNally said the program teaches students how to be a good photographer, as well as how to use digital based photography equipment.

"With the new trend in evidence gathering and technology in today's world, there

are capabilities that can now record evidence when it's first found and get incredible detail that might not be noticeable to the human eye," he said.

The forensic photography program is geared toward students who are interested in homeland security and insurance work, along with the law enforcement and the fire department fields. It is a one-year certificate that takes three semesters to complete, according to college officials.

"This was brought out because of the popularity of shows like *CSI* and talking with the community," said McNally.

Classes will be offered at night and on the weekends for better availability, school officials said.

For information, contact the college at (734) 699-7008.

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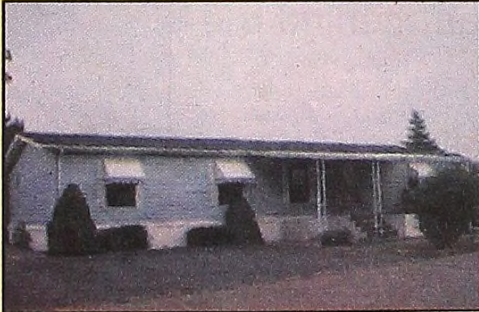
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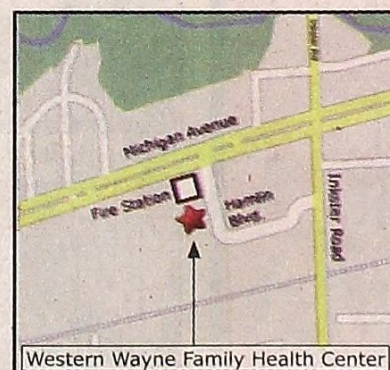
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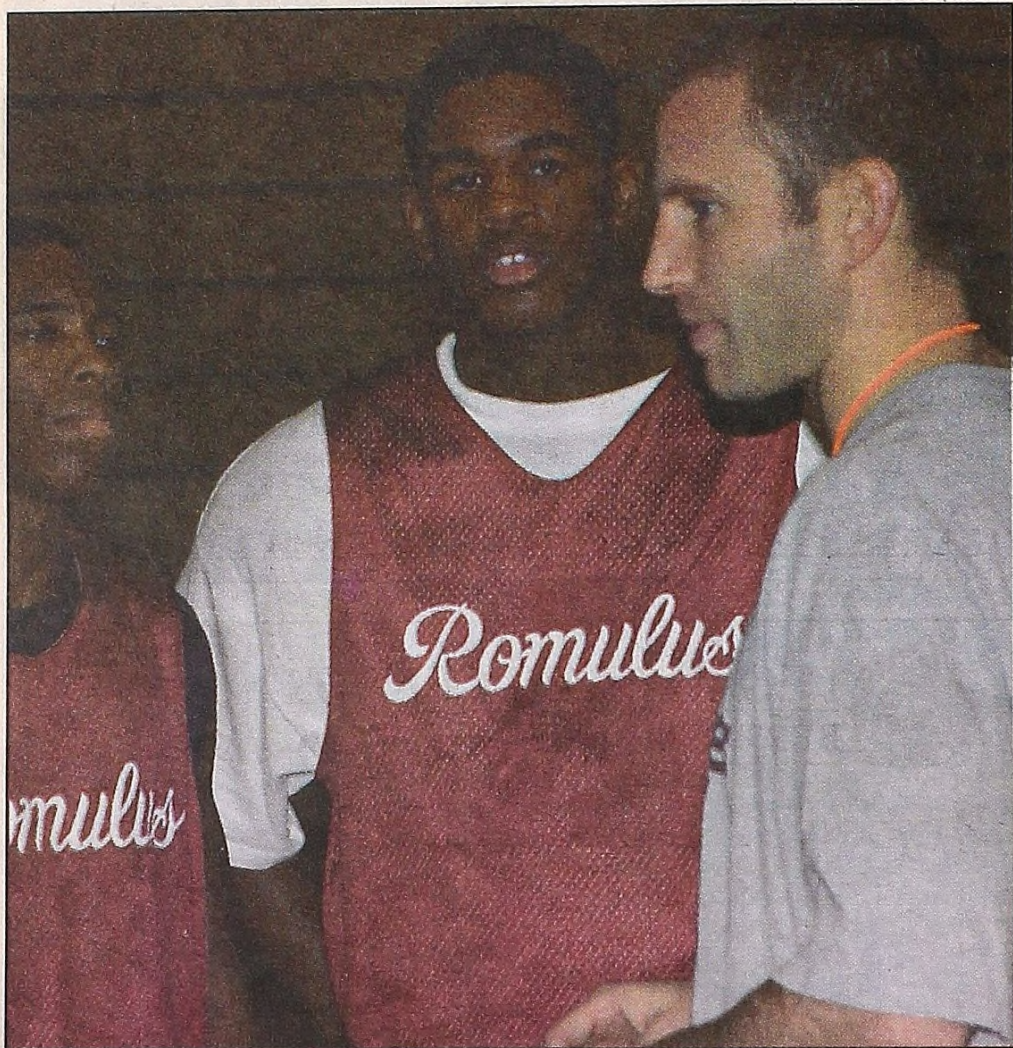


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# SPORTS



Romulus Head Coach Nate Oats consults his team during practice last week. The promising Eagle hoopsters open the season at Pontiac Northern at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

## Experienced Eagle team ready for new season

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

There are four words that describe the Romulus Eagle varsity basketball team this season.

New and improved, although true, aren't even two of them. Try: Bigger, Faster, Stronger, and Deeper.

That should do it.

With six returning players from last year's team and seven players up from the undefeated junior varsity team, this year's Eagle squad could be one of the best in the Head Coach Nate Oats' five year run.

"I think we have the chance to be real good," he said. "We have Dominique (Buckley) and Devin (Searcy). Dominique is one of the best guards in the state and Devin is one of the best big guys in the state. We have guys around them that can score. We have a ton of depth. So even an injury here or there isn't going to put us in the tank."

Right now the roster is 15 deep with talented players at every position. Oats is even having a tough time deciding who his starters will be come Tuesday, when the team opens the season at Pontiac Northern.

### Bigger

Buckley is back at the point as a junior. He's 6-foot-2, a solid size for a point guard, with great vision and awareness. He can shoot, drive and is a prolific passer. He's also pressure free this year, being already verbally committed to Iowa State.

"I don't have to worry about who's watching or if I dribble the ball off my foot. I don't have to worry about what colleges are looking at me—it feels real good," he said.

Searcy is a 6-foot-10 senior center that recently signed his letter of intent to play ball at Dayton University on scholarship. He's the tallest member of the team and is

a full-court big guy. He'll be huge inside and scoring from the medium range.

Adding to the height and experience of the team is returning senior forward Dwayne Edwards, standing at 6-6, and 6-3 senior center Antoine James. Both had big minutes in last year's campaign.

Oats will also have junior forward Martell Anderson (6-5) and Will Clyburn (6-4). Both were on the undefeated junior varsity team and are great shooters, according to Oats.

### Faster

Mario Crawford will be back in the line up as a junior guard this year for Romulus. He's the football team's speedy running back sensation and will improve the basketball team's quickness.

Oats is also changing up his system from previous years, too. He will go to more of a press system in an attempt to pick up the tempo of the game.

"We didn't feel the need to change, but we thought it would fit the kids better," Oats said. "Either we would have a lot of talented kids sitting on the bench or we can try to play them all. If you want to use your depth you have to build the tempo and get other teams to play up to your tempo and that's what we want to do."

### Stronger

The team's strength won't necessarily come from extra time in the weight room, but rather in the form of strong team chemistry.

Last year the crew lost some big games—and won some others—because of its chemistry or the lack thereof. This year Buckley, a third-year varsity starter, feels differently.

"The chemistry of team is real good right now," he said. "My freshman year we went to the states (finale) and the chemistry was excellent then. And this year it

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## Revamped Mustangs leave perfect season behind

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

The pressure is on for the Northville Mustangs basketball team.

Last year they completed a rare—for any team—undefeated, 20-0, regular season record. They had a disappointing fall in the first round of district play to Catholic Central that ended the Cinderella season. If anything, the too-good-to-be-true season only painted a target on the flanks of the Mustangs.

Although it was a great season to behold, Darrell Schumacher, the director of basketball operations at Northville High School, thinks it's best left behind.

"You have to forget about last year," he said. "That was phenomenal; a tremendous group of seniors; great, unselfish play. You couldn't ask for a better situation."

"But this year is a whole lot different," he added. "Obviously we're not going to sneak up on anybody. That was such a different team so we don't even talk about last year. We have new goals, new objectives and have to start all over."

Can the Mustangs repeat the perfect season and make it out of district play this year?

Nobody knows, but there will be a lot of new faces on the floor and the bench to take on the challenge for the 2006-07 'Stangs. Of the 15 contributing players a year ago, Northville lost seven.

Doug Hasse, Campy Smith, Brad Birdsall, Nick Kaldis, Brandon Barkoski, Steve Clark and Chris Lorente were all staples for the workhorse team last season but all graduated in June. That leaves a lot of empty spaces for Schumacher and Head Coach Ed Kritch to fill. Luckily they have five familiar faces returning with three seniors to lead the way.

Alvin Storrs, arguably one of the best

guards—if not player—in the state, will head the team. He can shoot threes, drive the lane, find open players and play defense. He recently signed his letter of intent to play basketball for Grand Valley State University on a full scholarship.

He admits that even though the team will have full support of fans this year because of last year's success, it makes it harder on the team with more teams gunning for them.

"It's going to be hard to go undefeated again but we just want to win as many as we can," Storrs said. "We want to win districts this year and try to win a regional."

"Even though we are a very young team I feel we have a very mature group," he added. "I don't feel like I have as much pressure on myself as much as we have on our team. We should be able to handle that well this year."

The key is not to let teams key on Storrs, according to Schumacher.

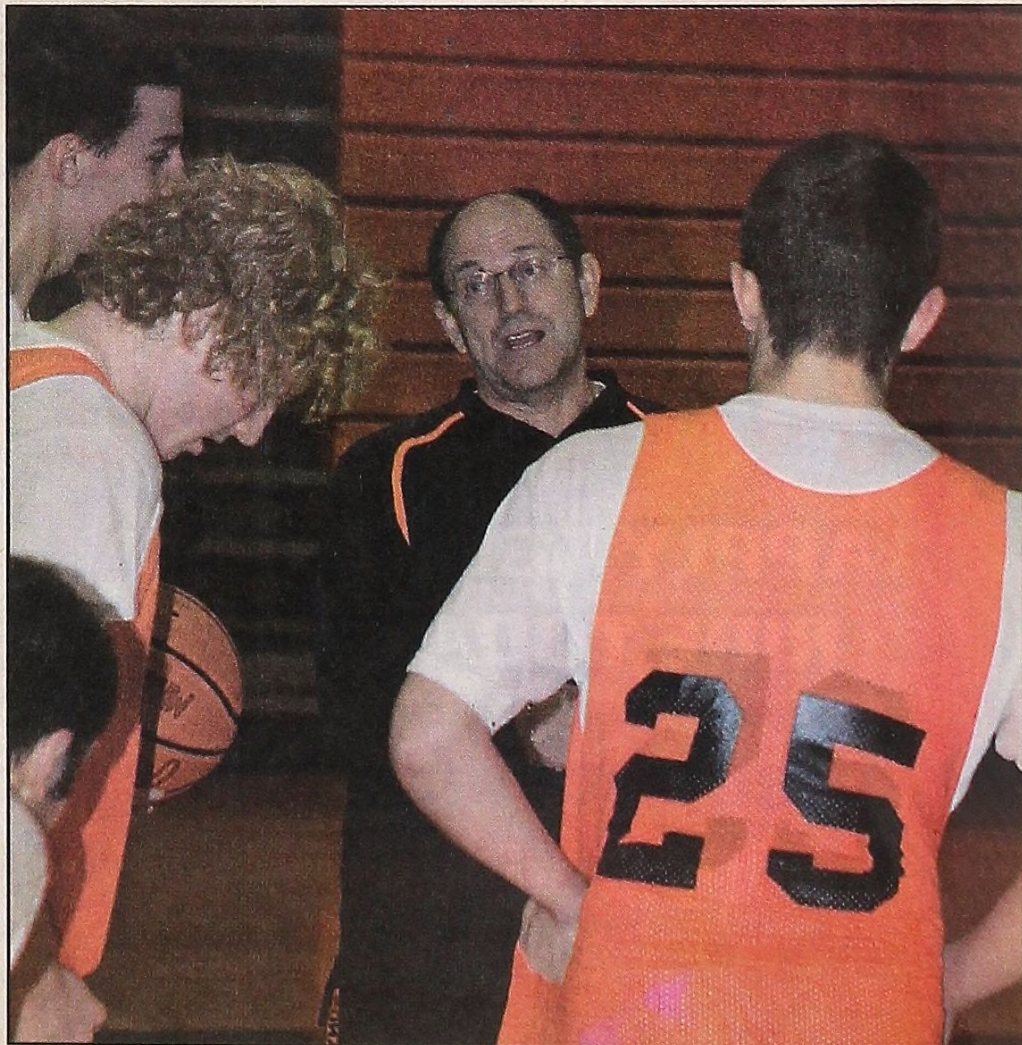
"I think the entire conference will do everything possible to keep Alvin from doing much," he said. "We're trying very hard to make sure he's not the one everyone expects. The key we have to fight against, and I think we have a good group of kids that will do it, is you can't stand around and wait for Alvin to do it—the rest of us have got to play."

Fellow seniors returning with Storrs are Bret Spencer and Andrew Manor. Spencer is a 6-foot-3, 225-pound forward and Manor is a 6-1 guard. Also coming back are junior big boys Dan Kirkpatrick (6-5 forward) and Michael Rogers (6-7 forward).

After that, slots will be filled with unknowns—most of them juniors.

The only other senior to join the team this year is Ankur Patel at guard. He didn't

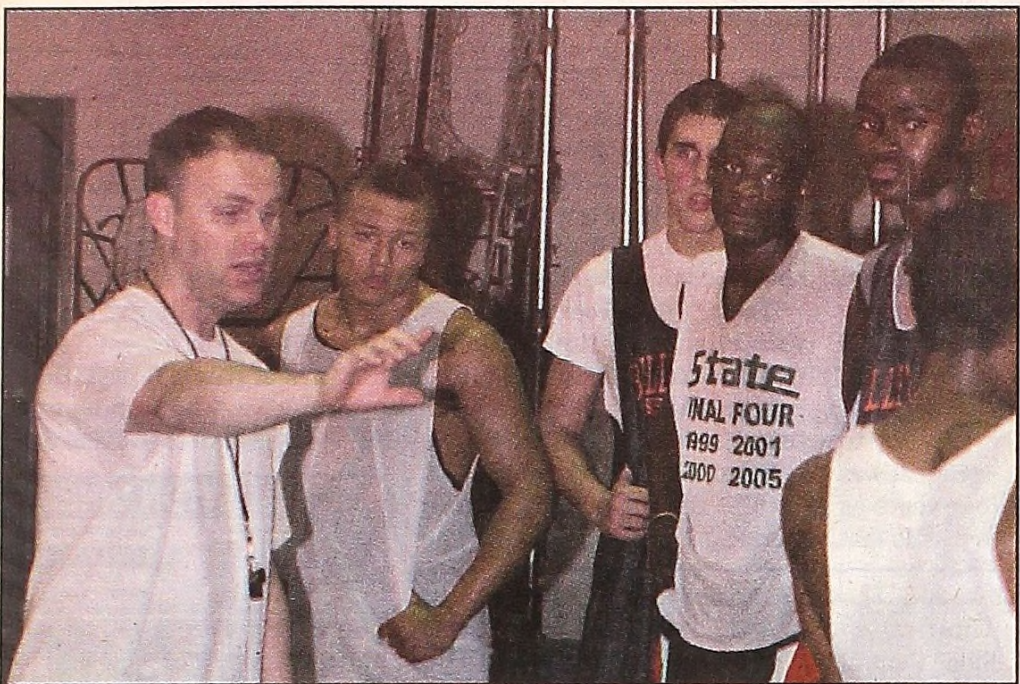
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Northville's director of basketball operations, Darrell Schumacher, instructs his varsity team last week. The team kicked off the season this week and host Novi at 7 p.m. next Friday.



# SPORTS



Belleville's new Head Coach Don Hickman consults his team at a practice last week. The Tigers open their season at Wayne at 7 p.m. on Tuesday in non-conference match-up. Belleville's first home game is at 7 p.m. next Friday against Willow Run.

## New coach readies for season

Jeff Novak  
Staff Writer

Is a seventh Mega Red championship crown on the horizon for the Belleville Tiger hoopsters?

Or will they struggle with the retirement of head coach Mike Krogel and the graduation of star Leon Freeman?

New Head Coach Don Hickman is excited about the position and knows it could be a tough situation. Hickman isn't coming in blind, though. He was Krogel's assistant during the last five years and was born and raised in the 'Ville. He played at every level of the game—freshman, junior varsity and varsity—at Belleville before heading off to Eastern Michigan University to get his teaching degree. After graduation he was hired by the school district to teach social studies at the high school.

He coached at every level of the system, too, and when Krogel decided to retire he was the first choice for the job.

"I'm excited to take over as head coach," he said. "I've had my eye on it for a while now. I knew it was coming. I've been around the program in some form or another for about 13 years. I learned a lot from Mike. I definitely consider him a mentor."

"Working with him was great," he added. "The best thing is he doesn't coach with an ego. The guy's in the hall of fame, but he let me coach. This is my dream job. This is what I want to be—it's home."

Krogel isn't totally out of the picture. He was going to stay on and do some scouting for Hickman but, with a shorthanded coaching staff, Krogel is helping some at practices, too. He feels the team is in good hands.

"Don has paid his dues," Krogel said. "He was born and bred in Belleville. It goes beyond being a coach here—it's in his blood. I'm sure he will do well. I know I wouldn't have been able to do what I did here without Don."

"I was grateful for everything he did for me," he added. "And anything that I can do for him he knows that I will be there for him."

Hickman also has the support of his team.

"I can't say enough about him," said senior point guard Marius Williams. "He works so hard and I'm finally glad he has a chance to coach as a head coach this year."

The bigger obstacle for Belleville this season is playing without the firepower of Freeman, an electric and emotional player. Hickman said that they will miss Freeman on game night but feels confident that the group he has right now is capable as a unit

and can accomplish as a team what Freeman brought on the court.

Returning team members feel the chemistry of this team will help fans and critics forget about Freeman.

"Everyone thinks we won't do well without Mr. Freeman," said senior guard Caral Dial. "But even last year everyone thought Freeman was going to be the best against Romulus, but it ended up being the other players stepping up."

"A whole lot of people are going to underestimate us and think of us as underdogs," he added. "Even though we were one of the best teams last year, people think that without Freeman we're going to be at the bottom. I think we're still at the top."

Belleville has a solid core of players back from last year, including Williams and Dial. The Tigers have five other seniors returning. Brian Zantop brings his 6-foot-5 frame back to the court along with Anthony Wafer, also 6-5. Darius Hardrick, Jarrett Stovall and Randle Green return to the team, too.

Seniors Ken Jones (guard) and Brandon Harris (forward), although new, will lend their services to Belleville this year. Also joining the team are junior guards Kyle Gupton, Edwin Hargrave and Caleb Williams and junior forward Omari Hoke. Sophomore Kourea Hayes will also take to the Belleville wood.

"I think we're going to be really good," Williams said. "The team chemistry is really good. We have a lot of seniors; I think eight or nine, this year. We've been playing with each other since AAU in our freshman year so we really know each other."

"I hope to be able to push the ball up a lot, being a point guard, and be a leader vocally and non vocally—lead by example," he added. "We have a lot of good athletes that are fast and can jump so I just want to push the ball up to them as much as possible."

Belleville opens its season against Wayne Memorial at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. It won't get any easier the rest of the way either. They will have to survive tough teams like rivals Romulus and Ypsilanti and Truman in the Mega Red. League play could be the biggest challenge they face this season.

"We're working a lot harder," Dial said. "Things we didn't do last year we will do twice as hard this year. We have to play hard like it is our last game of the season every game."

"It will start at the defensive end," Williams added. "If we buckle down and just play hard defense then I think we can do anything, beat any team."

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# SPORTS

## Eagles

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feels kind of the same, if not better. "It's going to take a lot of hard work," he added. "We have to play to the best of our abilities and stay close as a team. Coach wants perfection every time we're on the court and we have a chance to do that for him."

### Deeper

The press will also cater to the team's depth, allowing more players to play and keeping starters

fresher.

Senior guard Rod Walker is back and could lead the team in scoring on any given night, according to Oats. Romulus also has 6-foot-3 senior forward Alex McMillian, who Oats thinks could be something special if he puts his mind to it. He also has Laron Rodgers, a 6-2 junior, and sophomores Rashard Porter, Filmore Bouldes, Valdez Green who are all guards fresh from the JV along with 6-2- junior forward Devin Pankey.

DeAndray Buckley, a 6-foot-3 freshman forward, could also see

some time on the hardwood for the Eagles.

"We're pretty experienced as far as we have six guys back from varsity that all played significant minutes and our JV team went undefeated," Oats said. "We moved up all those guys that played big minutes last year. If you were to ask me which were my first five and which were my second five or even my third five, it would be tough."

The immediate goal is to improve on a 17-7 record that was the worst in Oats' four years as coach. He believes he can do that

and a whole lot more.

"I expect us to win the Mega Red," he said. "I expect us to get out of districts and get out of regionals and to make another little run at (the state championship) again, to be honest with you. It's going to be tough, but I think that's how good I think we can be."

The schedule won't be easy this year. Romulus will play a tough non-league agenda against Saginaw Arthur Hill—the No. 1 team in the state—Pontiac Northern and Flint South East, both in the top 10, and Detroit Pershing, a top-25 team. The

Eagles also have a tough Mega Red line-up to face with Belleville, Ypsilanti, Monroe and Truman.

However, with a bigger, faster, stronger and deeper team anything is possible.

"I'm hoping to get to the state championship and will do whatever it takes to get there," Buckley said. "If I have to score, I'll score. If I have to pass, I'll pass. But it comes down to the whole team thing; we all have to contribute."

## Mustangs

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play at all last year but has the potential to be an outside threat, according to Schumacher.

Northville could get more help in the paint from 6-foot-6 junior David Burke and fellow junior forwards Greg Hasse and Martins Trautmanis—both heady, tough players.

The 'Stangs will also have plenty of depth at guard with juniors Kyle Asher, Steve Anderson, Nick Kolbow, Jeff Cheslick, Joe Mitchell and Michael Baldwin.

Even Schumacher doesn't know what to expect this year.

"We're still trying to figure things out," he said. "We're still

looking for things. We have a fair amount of talent. As (junior varsity players) they were winners, as freshmen they were winners. They're used to winning and we don't want to screw that up so we hope to continue that. They're all good kids and we're very fortunate in Northville to have the kind of kids that we get an opportunity to work with. They work very hard; they have a tremendous work ethic again."

The Mustangs will have their work cut out for them, playing in one of the toughest conferences against teams like Canton, Salem, Plymouth, Wayne and John Glenn. However, Storrs still feels that they are considered the underdog this year.

"I still feel, even though with the season we had last year—which was amazing—we still

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**Darrel Schumacher**

don't get the respect that we deserve just because we lost to (Catholic Central) in the first round (of districts)," he said. "Hopefully, we can get past the first round because I've never been able to do that before and it would be nice to win districts."



Alvin Storrs practices at Northville High last week. The senior will try to lead the Mustangs out of the district competition this year.

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## DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

### NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact

Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. Homestead exemption status.
2. Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to December 12, 2006.

Joannie Payne, CMC  
Van Buren Charter Township

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## CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 06/07-12 - 2007 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the City's Official Newspaper for publications.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from Lynn A. Conway, Purchasing Coordinator, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174, by calling (734) 955-4568, or by e-mailing: lconway@ci.romulus.mi.us

(2) Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than **2:00 p.m., Thursday, December 14, 2006**. At that time said bids would be publicly opened and read.

**BIDS ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:**

**CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE  
BID 06/07-12 - 2007 OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER  
11111 WAYNE ROAD  
ROMULUS, MI 48174**

(3) The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

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## CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF Final Statement For the FY 2007/2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

Pursuant to federal guidelines, the Romulus City Council voted on Monday, November 27, 2006 to adopt the following final projects for the fiscal year 2007/2008 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) Program. The CITY OF ROMULUS expects to receive an estimated \$240,000 plus an additional \$30,000 for Housing Rehabilitation.

The primary objectives of the Federal HUD CDBG program are to assist low to moderate income families directly or to provide benefits in areas where 51% of the residents are low to moderate income, such as replacing the urban infrastructure of streets, improve recreational facilities and programs and assist in meeting special needs of the elderly and physically disabled.

The following projects have been adopted and will meet HUD objectives by benefiting low and moderate income families, preserving deteriorating housing stock and enhancing parks and public facilities.

### 2007/2008 Final Projects

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Estimated from HUD<br>CDBG ALLOCATION: | *From<br>Program Income:    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>ACTIVITY/Location:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                        | <b>\$33,000 T \$33,000</b>  |
| Senior Services - Citywide<br>36525 Bibbins<br>Chore/minor home repair services,<br>Transportation, education,<br>Recreation & staffing                                                                                                                                                                               |                                        |                             |
| Senior Center - Partial Bond Payment<br>36525 Bibbins, Romulus, MI 48174<br>Year four of a ten year pre-commitment<br>of the City of Romulus CDBG allocation<br>to pay for the \$3.4 mil bonded construction.<br>CDBG funds were pre-committed until 2013<br>(with an estimated reduced allocation<br>of 5% annually) | <b>\$240,000</b>                       | <b>\$ 400 TS\$240,400</b>   |
| <b>Administration (4%)</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                        | <b>\$11,000 TS\$11,000</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL Allocation:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>\$240,000</b>                       |                             |
| <b>Housing Rehabilitation</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>\$30,000</b>                        |                             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>\$270,000</b>                       | <b>\$44,400 TS\$314,400</b> |

IN ADDITION, the city anticipates receiving approximately \$50,000 through repayment of liens/ revolving funds (program income), to be used for three of the above programs and emergency housing rehabilitation. The City of Romulus will also apply for an additional \$30,000 to continue the housing rehabilitation program, as indicated above.

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118. Freebies  
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## 1. Obituaries

BEAVER, Loren G., age 73, of Spring Hill, FL, formerly of Wayne, MI, died Wednesday, Nov. 29, 2006, at Oak Hill Hospital. Born in Saginaw, MI, he went to the Spring Hill area 16 years ago from Caseville, MI. He was a retired DPW worker from the City of Wayne and an Army veteran. He was a member of the American Legion, Moose Lodge and Eagles Aerie. He enjoyed fishing, car races, yard work and family times. He was a Protestant. Mr. Beaver is survived by his wife, Patricia; two sons, Terry of Townsend, DE and Dennis of Spring Hill, FL; three daughters, Theresa Johnson of Westland, MI, Carol White of Belleville, MI and Barbara George of Spring Hill, FL; three brothers, Marvin of Bad Axe, MI, Kenneth of Wayne, MI and Gerald of Northville, MI; a sister, Mary Wencel of Ypsilanti, MI; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 at 2:00PM at the Belleville Moose Lodge #934, with luncheon to follow.

GUILES, Curt Milo, age 27, of Westland, MI, died Aug. 03, 2006. Mr. Guiles was born Aug. 21, 1978. He is survived by his mother, Lynn (Lee) Moore; father, Gary (Cindy) Guiles; sisters, Stacy (Matt) White and Paula (Al) Wheeler; grandparents, Doug and Shirley Vogan and the late George and Lillian Guiles; aunts, Mary Sanders and the late Carlene Bromund; uncles, the late Paul Vogan and the late Harry Guiles; niece, Ellie White; nephews, Benjamin White, Cody Wheeler and van Wheeler; and cousin Larry. Services were held at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Rev. Kurt Lambert officiating. Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland, MI. Final arrangements entrusted to Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI.

MCHUGH, John A. Sr., age 78, of Wayne, died December 1, 2006. Beloved husband of the late Helen. Dear father of Mike (Cindy) Wilson, Brenda (Charles) Butler and the late John. Brother of 3 sisters and 3 brothers. Grandfather of 5, great-grandfather of 5. Services were held Dec. 4 at St. Mary's Church, Wayne with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. Mr. McHugh was the area coordinator for Wayne/Westland Special Olympics Area 23 and memorials would be appreciated to them. Please visit and post a tribute at [www.uhtfuneralhome.com](http://www.uhtfuneralhome.com).

## 9. Lost & Found

Lost: Springer Spaniel Lost at Venoy & Grand Traverse in Westland Medium size. Black with white patch on chest Answers to "Colonel" Call 248-346-6140 with any info.

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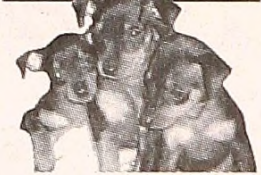
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1996 Dodge 4B3AU52N1TE428441

2006 Da Diehl

1990 Dodge 1P4FH54R6LX170346

1986 Ford 1FMDU15N8GLA05354

2002 Chevrolet 1GCEC14W82Z179985

1997 Ford 1FTDX1869VKA31710

1991 Plymouth 1P3XP24D4MN533187

1997 GMC 1GKDT13W8V2556068

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1995 Ford 1FTHE24H4SHC22559

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90 Ford Aerostar SW Red/Tan 1FMDA31X0LZB06035

90 Pontiac 4DR Burgundy 1G2WJ54T9LF241621

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903 Toyota Celica 2DR Teal JT2ST87N3P0134813

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